

"identified" as opposing the Clinton administration's labor-management policies. At the time, efforts were underway to reinvigorate the council concept, which had helped reduce the number of union grievances at some agencies.

Mr. Sturdivant fought against privatization of government work, which threatened to reduce the ranks of AFGE-represented employees by one-fourth. But this year he announced that AFGE had negotiated its first contract to represent employees of a private contractor, Hughes Electronic Corp. Hughes took over the work of the closed Naval Air Warfare Center.

While the union continued to oppose contracting federal work, Mr. Sturdivant said that where the battle was over individual agencies, "our policy is to pursue the work."

Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman said yesterday that Mr. Sturdivant had been "one of the labor movement's brightest lights" and "one of its most articulate advocates for working families."

Mr. Sturdivant was born in Philadelphia and raised in Bridgeport, Conn. He was a graduate of Antioch University, and he studied law at George Washington University. He served in the Air Force.

He went to work for the government in 1961 in Winchester, Va., where he was an electronics technician with the Army Interagency Communications Agency, later part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He was president of the AFGE local in Winchester for eight years before being appointed to the national staff of the union in Washington.

He was organizing director and administrative assistant to two AFGE presidents in Washington and then was elected executive vice president in 1982. The union was on the brink of bankruptcy when he defeated Kenneth T. Blaylock, a 14-year incumbent, in 1988. Mr. Sturdivant imposed an austerity program, collected delinquent dues and was soon able to announce that he had balanced the budget.

He was reelected to a fourth term as president in August, along with Secretary-Treasurer Bobby L. Harnage, who will succeed him.

Mr. Sturdivant's marriage to Muriel T. Sturdivant ended in divorce.

Survivors include his companion, Peggy Potter of Vienna; a daughter, Michelle Sturdivant of Alexandria; his mother, Ethel Jessie of Bridgeport; and a brother, a stepbrother, and a sister.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF HON. WALTER H. CAPPS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Congressman WALTER CAPPS.

It was with shock and great sadness that we learned last evening of WALTER's sudden death.

WALTER enjoyed a remarkable career as a professor, teaching religious studies for 33 years at the University of California in Santa Barbara before coming to Congress in 1996.

WALTER loved being in Congress. He loved his work. He loved serving the people of the

22d District. He felt that he had spent his whole life preparing for this work. He was right.

WALTER had all the markings of a superb legislator. He combined a keen intellect with good judgment and a deep compassion for people. He was an extraordinary member of the freshman class. He was an extraordinary Member of Congress by any standard.

WALTER was fond of quoting a teaching from the Talmud: That we do not see the world as it is, but rather we see the world as we are. WALTER saw the world as a man of deep moral convictions. He brought that perspective to everything he did, whether it was fighting for human rights or just improving civility and bipartisanship in this institution.

In September of this year, WALTER managed the resolution that the House took up following the death of Princess Diana. He spoke with eloquence about her life. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," he said, quoting from the poet Thomas Campbell. Heavy as our hearts may be today, we are ennobled by his presence. We are diminished by his passing.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to WALTER's family, his wife, Lois, and his children, Lisa, Todd, and Laura; to his staff; and to his constituents. He was a marvelous man, and I will miss him.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM FLAHERTY AND CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 1997

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Tom Flaherty, a constituent of mine from Eastham, MA, who has been actively involved in the government-sponsored civics education program known as "We the People." This program focuses on teaching students the importance of the freedoms guaranteed in our Bill of Rights and Constitution.

Each year, this program brings together high school students from across the Nation. In the spirit of competition, they test their knowledge of the Constitution and Bill of Rights learned through the "We the People" program. The program focuses on ways to challenge students to learn in creative and innovative ways, which make learning fun and help students retain what they have learned. They then have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge at the local, State, and national level.

Tom is a history teacher at Chatham High School on Cape Cod who also serves as the district coordinator of the "We the People" Program for the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts. His most recent competition this past spring yet again yielded winning results as his team returned to the national level, winning the category for "Best Team for Expertise on the Extension of the Bill of Rights." I was proud to welcome students and a teacher who are so committed to learning the fundamental fabric of our Nation's government.

Most recently, Tom also participated in the Civitas Program, which is jointly run by the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Infor-

mation Agency, along with teachers from the Council of Europe. This project seeks to provide teachers in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the tools to prepare students and their communities to be responsible citizens through participation in elections and by becoming actively involved in the political process. Tom went through an intensive 2-week program to train over 500 teachers throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina with materials and methods developed from "We the People" to educate and teach democratic principles.

Traveling to a war-torn area to help construct the fundamental building blocks for a burgeoning society truly shows Tom's commitment to our democratic principles and his genuine dedication to teaching these principles. Mr. Speaker, I commend Tom and his Chatham High School class for their passion for learning and hope they both realize they may be directly helping to build democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND BETTY STARK

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 1997

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank and Betty Stark of Stafford, MO, who Roseann and I have known for many years. Frank and Betty are the founders of Raceway Ministries a unique ministry designed to share the Gospel with race car drivers, their families, crew members and fans. Just as someone is called to the mission field in another country, I believe that the Starks were called to minister to those in auto car racing.

Race car driving is one of American most popular and competitive sports. Racing demands much of its participants the drivers, the crew members and members of the driver's family. As with any sport everyone goes out to win and expends a tremendous amount of effort to make it happen. Given the tension created in preparing for a race and the enormous disappointment for those who do not win, it is easy to see why there is a need here to talk about faith based in Christ.

Frank and Betty have helped to organize worship services at 13 of the 19 NASCAR Winston Cup racing events. Full-time ministries have been established at the Talladega Super Speedway, Atlanta Motor Speedway, and at Daytona. Frank's efforts inspired others to establish similar ministries at other race car tracks. In southwest Missouri alone he has helped to place six chaplains at three area race tracks. He served as the chaplain for the Automobile Racing Club of America [ARCA] for a decade and, in 1996, they awarded him the Bondo Mar-Hyde Spirit Award. The Southern Baptist Convention, Home Mission Board recognized him as well with the Ken Prickett Award for creative and innovative ministries.

Roseann and I have been grateful for Frank and Betty and their friendship through the years. They have been a model of selfless service to others in the spirit of Christ. Thanks Frank and Betty for setting a great example.